

The roles of the speakers

Listed in the order of speeches:

Affirmative Team Leader

- Introduces and defines the meaning of the moot
- Outlines the team's case and indicates the aspects of the topic to be dealt with by each member of the Affirmative
- Presents the first part of the team's case
- Concludes with a summary of main points - the peroration

Negative Team Leader

- Gives the Negative team's definition of the moot. Accepts, rejects or modifies the definition given by the First Affirmative speaker
- Rebutts any major points of the Affirmative case
- Outlines the Negative case, and indicates the parts of the topic each member of the Negative team will deal with
- Presents the first part of the Negative case
- Concludes with a summary of main points - the peroration

Second Affirmative Speaker

- Rebutts points made by the First Negative speaker
- Presents the major part of the Affirmative team's argument
- Concludes with a summary of main points - the peroration

Second Negative Speaker

- Rebutts points made by the Second Affirmative speaker
- Presents the major part of the Negative team's argument
- Concludes with a summary of main points - the peroration

Third Affirmative Speaker

- Rebutts points made by the First and Second Negative speakers
- Completes the Affirmative team's case
- Summarises the Affirmative team's case overall
- Concludes with a strong and convincing statement on the moot

Third Negative Speaker

- Rebutts points made by the First and Second Affirmative speakers
- Completes the Negative team's case
- Summarises the Negative team's case overall
- Concludes with a strong and convincing statement to show that the Affirmative case is unsound

Negative Team Leader - Reply

- Summarises the Negative team's case. No new material can be introduced in the Reply.
- Identifies the Negative team's objections to the Affirmative team's case
- Makes a forceful peroration to convince the audience (and adjudicator) of the strength of the team's case
- Ends with a strong denial of the moot

Affirmative Team Leader - Reply

- Rebuts any major points of the Negative Team Leader's reply
- Summarises the Affirmative team's case. No new material can be introduced in the Reply
- Identifies the Affirmative team's objections to the Negative team's case
- Makes a forceful concluding peroration which ends with a strong statement of support for the moot

Now it is all over to the Adjudicator to choose the winning team!